

AG Paxton Releases Statement on First Assistant AG Jeff Mateer's Nomination by President Trump to Federal Bench

Attorney General Ken Paxton today praised President Trump's nomination of Texas' First Assistant Attorney General [Jeff Mateer](#) as a Federal District Judge:

"Jeff Mateer is a principled leader—a man of character—who has done an outstanding job for the State of Texas as First Assistant Attorney General," said Attorney General Paxton. "I knew when I appointed him eighteen months ago that a greater calling could come, and I couldn't be happier for Jeff and his family for this well-deserved appointment and high honor. Judges who rule by the Constitution and the law are desperately needed today, and I am confident a Judge Mateer will faithfully fulfill this duty."

Other colleagues in the attorney general's office weighed in on Jeff Mateer's appointment by the president:

"The State of Texas owes a debt of gratitude to Jeff Mateer, and his country is very fortunate to have a jurist committed to the rule of law and the constitutional principles on which this country was founded," said Solicitor General Scott Keller.

Brantley Starr, Deputy First Assistant Attorney General said, "Jeff Mateer leaves a legacy of service to the State of Texas and will now extend that service to all Americans."

"Jeff Mateer will be a righteous defender of the rule of the law. He has a deep character and strong integrity that, when matched with his respect for the Constitution and love for his country, will be a principled addition to our federal courts," said Director of Communications Marc Rylander.

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